

## YOUTHS HANGED AT THE YARDARM

Recent Death Recalls Tragedy  
in the United States Navy  
of Long Ago.

AROUSSED WHOLE COUNTRY

TRAGIC FATE OF PHILIP SPENCER.

New York, July 28.—The death at Morristown, N. J., on July 13 of Harriet Duer Sidel Mackenzie, recalls a stirring incident in the life of her father, Commander Alexander S. Mackenzie, who was in charge of the United States brig of war Somers when the so-called mutiny of 1842 occurred and when Philip Spencer, the son of President Tyler's secretary of war, and two other lads were hanged at the yardarm for complicity in the alleged plot to kill the officers and seize the ship with a view to turning pirates. The affair aroused the whole country when the details became known, but Mackenzie was acquitted when tried by court-martial. Mackenzie is said to have died insane, and his lieutenant, Gausevoort, who first brought him the story of the plot to seize the ship, was reported to have died by his own hands.

Mackenzie was a young officer of some note both through his family's prominence and through the publication of a book he wrote about travels in Spain. The Somers sailed from New York with a crew of 120 men and carried in addition ninety-six apprentices who had been sent out to be schooled for service in the navy. Among them was young Spencer, a wild, harum-scarum lad, whose father had put him in the navy with the hope of taming him down. He was the life of the ship and a great favorite of the seamen, but the commander mistrusted him because he had acquired the vices of idle rich young men and he had been sent back home in disgrace from the South American squadron for intemperance.

### Plot to Seize Vessel.

On Nov. 26, 1842, Purser Heiskell was told by his steward, Mr. Wales, of the details of the alleged plot to seize the vessel. He said Spencer had told him on the night before, under an oath of secrecy, that he and several others had bound themselves together in a cabal to murder the officers and most of the crew and sail the Spanish Main. Spencer told him, he said, that he was to have ten others with him and that they would sail to the Isle of Pines, where he had a number of confederates, and thence on a freebooter's cruise. The boy's plan was to attack no vessel that he was not certain to capture, and to scuttle every prize, sparing only the lives of such women as the crew wished to take with them.

Spencer asserted to his dying day that the story was merely a hoax, which he told to Wales, the landlubber and the butt of the ship, just to have fun with him. If that was the case, it turned out to be a serious joke for the boy. The purser repeated what he had heard to Lieutenant Gausevoort, who in turn carried the information to Captain Mackenzie. At first the commander was incredulous and ridiculed the so-called plot as a romance concocted by the boy after reading pirate tales. At that time there were no signs of a mutiny and the discipline, as the log of the vessel showed, was excellent. But after a while the commander seemed to have got scared, and he detailed Gausevoort to watch Spencer.

### Captain Badly Scared.

The lieutenant made a report that caused the captain to believe that there was a real conspiracy on foot. The report embodied fourteen charges aimed at Spencer, some of them so trivial that no attention would be paid to them in ordinary times, but which convinced Mackenzie that the boy intended to start a mutiny, and that the lives of all the officers were in danger. The report charged among other things that Spencer had tried to consult the charts, had asked about the Isle of Pines, had tried to learn the rate of the chronometer, had nightly conferences with some of the crew, had sworn pretty roundly when talking of Mackenzie, had employed Wales to steal brandy from the wardroom mess, on which the captain alleged, he got drunk, and had practiced palmistry aboard, predicting the untimely and tragic death of one man. Moreover, the report said, Spencer had exercised an unheard-of power of throwing his jaws out of joint and by contact of the bones "playing a variety of elegant airs for the delectation and seduction of the crew."

Mackenzie was always frank to admit that he did not like the boy. There were two of the captain's relatives aboard who also had no love for him. The captain afterward testified that he feared that Spencer would cut out the morals of the crew, and for that reason he had been anxious to keep him off the boat before she sailed on the cruise. The boat was off the coast of Africa on the return trip when the so-called plot was discovered.

### Said It Was a Joke.

When Spencer was accused by the captain of being at the head of the conspiracy the boy laughed and said the whole thing was only a joke.

"Well, it was a joke that may cost you your life," replied the captain, grimly. Thereupon the youth was arrested, double ironed, handcuffed, and forced to crawl feet first into a bag. He lay on the deck in this condition until the day he was hanged. The bag was closed around his neck in the day and over his head at night. Besides there was always a sentinel on duty, day and night, with orders to shoot the prisoner if he attempted to speak to any one.

When the effects of Spencer were searched a piece of paper was found on which was inscribed in Greek characters the names of Spencer, Wales and McKinley, the boy who made up the officers' coats, and the name of Andrews, which was borne by no one aboard. Following these were ten names, marked doubtful, and eighteen marked nelson volens. Cromwell and Small, two of Spencer's companions, were next arrested for complicity in the plot, bagged and laid out on the deck near the first prisoner. Small admitted that he had had a foolish conversation with Spencer, but denied that he ever had any intention to mutiny. In all twelve

arrests were made, but nothing was ever done to the last nine prisoners.

The court-martial that was convened to try Spencer, Small and Cromwell was composed of Lieutenant Gausevoort, Surgeon Leeseock, Purser Heiskell and four middles. All were said to be prejudiced against the prisoners, especially against Spencer. Thirteen witnesses for the prosecution were examined and none for the defense. It was said that the boys did not even know that they were being tried, and none of them was called upon to make a defense. The first they heard of it was when Captain Mackenzie told them, on the morning of Dec. 1, that they had been convicted and that they had but

ten minutes to live. This was afterward stretched to two hours, at the earnest plea of the victims, who said that they were not ready to die at such short notice. This time was employed, it is alleged by Captain Mackenzie, in trying to extort a confession from Spencer. Whether the boy ever made a confession or not is not known. Mackenzie said that Spencer replied, when asked to make a confession, that he could not write with his hands manacled. Mackenzie then offered to write the matter down for the prisoner, according to the captain's story. These notes Mackenzie produced at his own court-martial.

"We are convinced," said the verdict

of the court that tried the boys, "that it would be impossible to carry them back to the United States, and that the safety of the public property, the lives of ourselves and of those committed to our charge requires that (giving them sufficient time to prepare) they should be put to death in a manner best calculated to make a beneficial impression on the disaffected."

### Boys Hanged in Chains.

The captain wore his full uniform at the execution. The three boys were hanged in chains in view of the entire crew. At the order of Captain Mackenzie the crew cheered when the bodies were hauled up. The first thing

that Mackenzie and his subordinate officers did when they landed in New York was to march through the streets in solemn procession to the nearest church, where they gave thanks for their deliverance out of Spencer's hands.

Gausevoort was then sent to Washington with a report of the affair to the secretary of the navy. For a long time the people of the country did not learn the exact details of the execution, and Mackenzie was lauded as a hero for so promptly putting down a mutiny. But when the facts came out there was a loud call for an investigation. Mackenzie was finally tried at the Brooklyn navy yard and the Scotch verdict, "not

proven," was rendered by a vote of nine to three. The father of Spencer asked to be allowed to question the witnesses through Charles O'Connor and Benjamin F. Butler, but his request was denied. An attempt was then made to bring the case before the circuit court of the United States, but Judge Betts dismissed the case for want of jurisdiction.

Nevertheless, many thought Mackenzie guilty of a great crime. It was pointed out that even if the boys were guilty there was no danger in bringing them ashore for trial. The ship was only two days from St. Thomas when the court-martial was held. Mackenzie died in Tarrytown in 1848.

### WOULD SAVE TROUBLE.

(Chicago Tribune.)

The customer at the department store had bought a dry battery, a hundred feet or more of wrapped cotton wire, and other accessories for an electric door bell for his house. "Going to put it up yourself?" asked the salesman. "Yes," said the customer. "Whereupon the salesman handed him a neat little card with this printed inscription: 'BELL OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE KNOCK.' 'This goes with the outfit,' he said. 'Saves you the trouble of writing it, you know.'"

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that formerly  
sold up to  
\$30.95  
For \$10.

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that formerly  
sold up to  
\$42.50  
For \$15

All Suits  
that formerly  
sold up to  
\$65.25  
For \$22.50

## 2 Mohair Specials

Monday and week we place on sale two leading numbers of mohair brilliancies, the most popular fabric for summer and early fall purposes, particularly desirable for waists, separate skirts, shirt waist suits and bathing costumes.

The ready dust shedding material which always retains its new appearance, and its season is now at its height.  
SPECIAL NO. 1 embraces a full line of cream, black, navy, gray and myrtle green, always sold at \$1.00. Specially priced in this sale at, per yard ..... 69¢  
SPECIAL NO. 2 comprises our very best qualities of plain colored mohairs and Sicilian weaves in a great variety of colors, such as grays, tans, navy and Alice blues, red, reseda, also cream and blacks and a few numbers of pinstriped and mixed brilliancies. Not one piece ever sold for less than \$1.25 per yard, and many were sold for \$1.75. Yours in this sale at, per yard ..... 98¢

## DOMESTICS.

### Sheets and Pillow Cases.

All are made of good quality cotton and are cheaper than you can buy the goods by the yard.

SHEETS.		NAPKINS.	
Sizes 63x90.	50¢	Two hundred dozen unbleached napkins, size 17x17 inches, hemmed ready for use.	49¢
Size 72x90.	50¢		
Size 81x90.	65¢		
CASES.		WHITE SPREADS.	
Size 42x36.	12 1/2¢	One hundred extra heavy white bed spreads, full double bed size, worth and always sell for \$1.35. Sale price, each	98¢
Size 45x36.	12 1/2¢		

## Last Great Sale of New Wash Goods.

Every Yard of Summer Wash Goods to Be  
Closed Out Regardless of Cost or  
Selling Price.

To make buying easy our entire line will be divided in three great lots:

LOT 1	LOT 2
Consists of fine lawns, dimities, batistes, tissues, etc., worth 12 1/2¢ and 15¢. Sale price ..... 8 3/4¢ per yard	Consists of Organdies, tissues, cotton mohairs, zephyrs, etc., etc., worth 20¢, 25¢ and 30¢. Sale price per yard ..... 12 1/2¢
LOT 3	
Consists of Shimimer Silks, Nippon Silk, Jacquard Mercerized Scotch Plaids, Lachine Silk, Imported French Organdies, Silk Mulls, Fancy Dress Swisses.	
Finest Sheer Mercerized Zephyrs in handsome printings, newest sheer mercerized suitings, dotted and cross barred French Muslins, imported overplaid suitings, cotton Grenadines, etc.	
All are regular 50¢, 65¢ and 75¢ goods, sale price, per yard	
25¢	

This store closes at 1 p. m. Wednesday until September 1st.

## 2 White Wash Silk Specials.

White wash silks are demanded for waists, children's dresses and entire gowns. These fabrics can be laundered in a few minutes' time and are particularly desirable for the Peter Pan, Johnny Jones' and other styles of shirt waists; no other fabric is so much used, and the prices here quoted defy competition.

LOT 1 consists of a full 27-inch wide plain quality of waist Habutai, a special waist finish, heavy, lustrous cloth, bought to sell at 55¢ per yard. A grand value in this sale at, per yard ..... 59¢  
LOT 2—In this assortment are cream grounds with colored embroidered dots and figures, all cream broadened, figured and dotted effects, purchased to sell at from 55¢ to \$1.25, and offered, to quickly close out the entire line in this sale, at, per yard ..... 49¢

## A Special Sale of White Embroidered Wash Belts.

Plain and embroidered white wash belts, worth up to 25¢.  
SPECIAL SALE PRICE ..... 10¢  
Fancy Embroidered Wash Belts, in white and colored effects, worth up to 35¢. SPECIAL SALE PRICE ..... 15¢  
Novelty embroidered Fritzl Scheff and plain crushed effects, worth up to 60¢. SPECIAL SALE PRICE ..... 25¢

## 35c and 50c Fancy Stock Collars, 17c

Out entire stock of 35c and 50c fancy stock collars, with tab ends and plain linen effects, the full line to be sacrificed. They must be got rid of to make room for our New Fall lines. Everything at these prices will go for ..... 17¢